

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The office action of January 2, 2004 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 21, 22, 24-26, and 28, and canceled claims 3, 13, and 23. Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-22, and 24-30 remain pending after entry of the present amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1, 11, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended these and various other claims to read “a method of *undoing* changes made” (emphasis added) or similar language, to more clearly recite that, while in some embodiments the invention may track changes, the end result is the ability to undo or redo changes made to a database. Applicants thus respectfully submit that this rejection is traversed.

Claims 2, 12, and 22 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse by amending claims 2, 12, and 22 as suggested by the Office Action. Specifically, Applicants amend these claims to refer in step (4) to step (3), instead of referring to step (2), correcting a clerical error made in these claims as originally filed. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification as filed at page 3, paragraph 11, as indicated in the Office Action. Applicants have further amended claims 2, 12, and 22 to indicate the state of the database being modified subsequent to each of steps (3) and (4). Thus, this rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 11, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ganesh *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,647,510, hereinafter Ganesh). Applicants provide the following arguments in response.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, and 21 to recite, in pertinent part, “the undone load is a load performed prior to a most recent load performed to said database.” In Ganesh, however,

the undone entry can only be the most recent change made to the block of data. Ganesh, col. 7, lines 36-39; Ganesh, col. 2, lines 19-23. To undo a load prior to the most recent load, as may be done by the present invention, is more difficult and introduces many complexities not present when one is merely undoing a most recent load. However, the present invention can also undo the most recent load, in addition to being able to undo loads prior to the most recent load. Because Ganesh does not teach or suggest all the claim limitations of any of amended claims 1, 11, and 21, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3, 5, 13, 15, 23, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ganesh *et al.* in view of Jain *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,806,075, hereinafter Jain). Applicants have canceled claims 3, 13, and 23, rendering this rejection moot with respect to these claims. Applicants traverse with respect to claims 5, 15, and 25. Applicants have amended claims 5, 15, and 25 to depend from claims 4, 14, and 24, respectively, which the Office Action, on page 5, para. 9, indicates contain allowable subject matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6-10, 14, 16-20, 24, and 26-30. Applicants have amended claims 4, 6, 8, 14, 16, 18, 24, 26, and 28 to be in independent form, and to recite an amended preamble that conforms to 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as discussed above.

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CONCLUSION

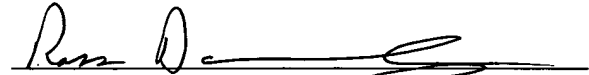
All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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